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In The Matter of Patent Application:

Applicant : Nortel Networks Limited
Serial No. : 09/987,788
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Title : TANDEM CONNECTION MONITORING PARALLEL PROCESSING
Examiner : Llang-Che Wang
Art Unit: : 2155

To: Commissioner for Patents
Patent Office,
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Report of November 21, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/ Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.